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MAIL STOP PETITION
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Re: PETITION TO MAKE PATENT APPLICATION
SERIAL NO. 10/667,154

SIR:

Please find enclosed a Petition to Make Special patent application
Serial No. 10/667,154, filed September 19, 2003 by Jim Edwards et al.

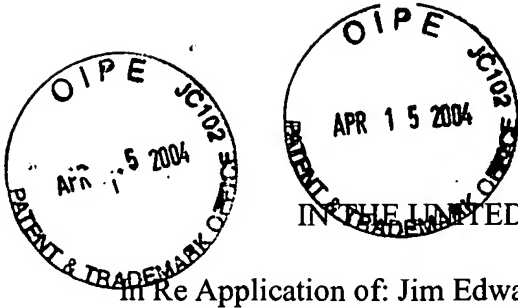
Also enclosed herewith is a declaration by Jim Edwards in support
of the aforesaid petition setting forth the grounds therefor, a Petition Fee
in the amount of \$130.00, and a return postcard receipt for all of the
above.

If the Examiner has any questions in this matter, kindly contact the
applicant's representative, John P. Luther, anytime at 206-274-2820 or
john@newmanlaw.com.

Very Truly Yours,

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW, LLP

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Jim Edwards et al.

Group Art Unit: 2857

Serial No. 10/667,154

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: September 19, 2003

Seattle, Washington 98104

For: Automated Quality Assurance Method
and Apparatus and Method of Conducting
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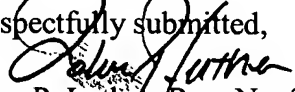
The assignee of the above-named application for patent ("applicant" herein) respectfully petitions this office that this application receive advancement of examination in accordance with MPEP 708.02 (I) and 37 CFR 1.102 (d) by reason of applicants' manufacturing activities and/or proposed increase in manufacturing activities with respect to subject matter claimed in the application.

Enclosed with this Petition is a declaration by Jim Edwards, an inventor of the application for patent and officer of Assignee Processing Equipment Solutions Inc., stating and declaring as to applicant's presently available capital on hand for purposes of manufacturing, available facilities to manufacture and equipment therefor, and ability to engage in said manufacturing upon allowance of the claims in this application.

Also enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement reporting the results of a prior art search with respect to the subject matter claimed in the application.

Allowance of this Petition to Make Special is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner have any questions in this matter applicant's representative is available for contact at 206-274-2820.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF JIM EDWARDS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE
APPLICATION SPECIAL

I, Jim Edwards, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a named inventor in application Serial No. 10/667,154 for an Automated Quality Assurance Method and Apparatus and Method of Conducting Business, and I am President of Processing Equipment Solutions Inc. (hereinafter "PES"), the Assignee of this application.

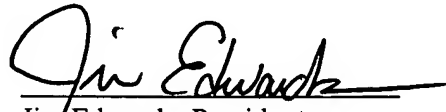
2. Assignee PES now petitions this office for the advancement of examination of this application in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 708.02 (I) and 37 CFR 1.102 (d) by reason of Assignee's manufacturing activities and/or increased manufacturing activities with respect to subject matter claimed in the application.

3. Under my direction and control Assignee PES has determined that various commercial embodiments of processing equipment which is subject matter encompassed by the claims of application Serial No.10/667,154 are to undergo manufacturing, and that such manufacturing will be increased in the future subject to notification of the allowance of the claims in the patent application.

4. Further, Assignee PES presently has earmarked available capital on hand in an amount in excess of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and applicable equipment for continued and increased manufacturing activities with respect to the subject matter of application Serial No. 10/667,154 at the facilities of PES located in Gainesville, Georgia upon notification of the allowance of claimed subject matter in this application.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all

statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Edwards", with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

Jim Edwards, President
Processing Equipment Solutions, Inc.

819 West Ridge Rd. SW
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April 4, 2004
Date



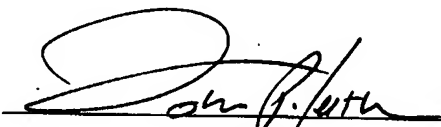
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